

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-30 are allowed.

With this Amendment, claims 3, 9, 17, and 23 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-16, 18-22, 24-30 are amended, and new claims 31-34 are added.

II. Kurihara and Kadota References

Filed along with this Amendment and its corresponding RCE is an Information Disclosure Statement citing U.S. Patent No. 5,901,278 (Kurihara) and U.S. Patent No. 5,604,846 (Kadota).

With regard to Kurihara, the Applicant notes that the reference discloses compressing image data of a read document and storing the compressed image data in a memory member. Kurihara further discloses that when the compressed image data overflows the memory, the document is re-read and the image data of the read document is compressed with a higher compression ratio.

Kurihara, however, fails to disclose, teach, or suggest at least setting a repetition number of times for reading the document and compressing the image data.

Turning to Kadota, the Applicant observes that, according to the reference, when the image data buffer does not have sufficient memory space for storing one band's worth of the packet data in compressed form, the resolution of the printable format data is reduced.

However, Kadota fails to disclose, teach, or suggest at least changing the resolution used when reading an original, or setting a repetition number of times for reading the

document.

III. Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

IV. Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4657. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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